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SUBJECT: EUR DEVELOPMENTS, OCTOBER 9

EYES ONLY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY SIMON. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 11 A.M. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOU ATTEND. SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED ARE EAST-WEST TRADE LEGISLATION AND US PROTECTIONISM (AS ALLEGED BY EC). EUR AND EB HAVE ALSO RECOMMENDED TO SECRETARY THAT HE CONTACT SIMON BEFORE MONDAY MEETING TO URGE CAREFUL HANDLING OF DECISION WHETHER TO OPEN COUNTER-VAILING DUTY CASE ON STEEL.

2. AMBASSADOR DENT'S TRIP. DENT WILL LEAVE OCTOBER 11 FOR VISITS TO BRUSSELS, GENEVA AND THE HAGUE. HE IS HOPEFUL HE CAN WORK OUT SOME OF THE ISSUES NOW STALLING THINGS
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IN THE MTN, NOTABLY THE DISPUTE WITH EC OVER AGRICULTURE.

WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT SECRETARY CALL DENT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO LET HIM KNOW OF STATE'S CONCERN OVER PENDING TRADE INVESTIGATIONS AND TO TELL DENT SECRETARY WILL BE SEEING SIMON MONDAY.

3. UK REPRESENTATION IN DIALOGUE. AT TODAY'S IEA GOVERNING BOARD UK REITERATED ITS INSISTENCE ON SEPARATE SEAT AT CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW PREPCON, BUT SAID IT WOULD ABIDE BY CONSENSUS THAT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN DIALOGUE BE LIMITED TO 27. UK WOULD THUS BE COMPETING FOR ONE OF EIGHT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY SEATS. SEVERAL NON-EC IEA DELEGATIONS WERE SHARPLY CRITICAL OF UK, POINTING OUT THAT IF EC NOT REPRESENTED AS UNIT WHOLE QUESTION OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY REPRESENTATION WOULD BE OPENED UP.

4. MELO ANTUNES, WHOSE OCTOBER 9 UNGA SPEECH BROUGHT NO SURPRISES, MEETS WITH BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ON OCTOBER 10. AFTER THEIR MEETING THE SECRETARY WILL ANNOUNCE A DOLS. 35 MILLION PROGRAM OF GRANT AID FOR REFUGEES. DUE TO SNARLS IN PASSENGER PROCESSING, ONE OF OUR AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT IS WAITING AT LUANDA FOR A FULL LOAD OF PASSENGERS. IN PORTUGAL SCORES OF PERSONS WERE INJURED, SOME SERIOUSLY, IN A CLASH LATE OCTOBER 8 BETWEEN PPD MODERATES AND LEFTIST SOLDIERS IN OPORTO. REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDER VELOSO SAYS HE DOES NOT INTEND TO USE FORCE AGAINST INSUBORDINATE SOLDIERS BUT CONSULATE OPORTO BELIEVES HE HAS SUFFICIENT TROOP STRENGTH UNDER DISCIPLINE TO REASSERT CONTROL IF ORDERED TO DO SO BY LISBON.

5. JAVITS CANCELS TRIP PLANS. SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE WILL NOT RPT NOT VISIT EUROPE DURING COMING COLUMBUS DAY CONGRESSIONAL RECESS.

6. THIS WILL BE FINAL CABLE IN SERIES OF MESSAGES ON EUR DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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